

1954



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE TOWN OF
BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1954

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for the Town of

BENNINGTON

New Hampshire



For the twelve months ending

December 31

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John P. Weston

SELECTMEN

Ernest Hutchinson	Term expires March, 1955
Frederick S. Sheldon	Term expires March, 1956
Charles E. Lindsay	Term expires March, 1957

TOWN CLERK

Donald A. Powers	Term expires March, 1955
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TOWN TREASURER

Arthur F. Bell	Term expires March, 1955
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ROAD AGENT

Herbert A. Curtis	Term expires March, 1955
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TAX COLLECTOR

Dorine B. Bullock	Term expires March, 1955
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mary D. Shea	Term expires March, 1955
Ruth A. Cody	Term expires March, 1956
Philip E. Knowles	Term expires March, 1957

COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS

John D. Armstrong, Supt.	Term expires March, 1956
Albert Cuddeemi, Commissioner	Term expires March, 1955
Harry W. Brown, Commissioner	Term expires March, 1957

FIRE WARDENS

George H. Gray, Chief	Term expires March, 1955
Paul G. Traxler	Term expires March, 1955
Ivon W. Clough	Term expires March, 1955

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Lawrence J. Parker

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Herbert A. Curtis
Edward E. French
Lawrence Newhall
Pearl J. Warren

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Edward E. French
Philip E. Knowles
Paul G. Traxler

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Philip E. Knowles	Term expires March, 1955
Frederick S. Sheldon	Term expires March, 1956
John P. Weston	Term expires March, 1957

OVERSEER OF POOR

Alfred S. Chase	Term expires March, 1955
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JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

Dalmer Newhall	Term expires March, 1955
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SEXTON

Dalmer Newhall	Term expires March, 1955
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CONSTABLE

Frank Chiesa	Term expires March, 1955
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CHIEF OF POLICE

Frank Chiesa	Term expires March, 1955
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SPECIAL POLICE

Olen Newhall
Fred Hugron
Robert Parker
John Donnelly

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Georgetta Bryer, and Selectmen

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Lawrence J. Parker
Ernest E. Wilson

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Lawrence J. Parker

DOG CONSTABLE

Fred Hugron

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
4. To see if the Town will vote to accept state aid for Class V roads and raise and appropriate money for same.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see what action the Town will take in regards to real estate taken over by the Town for non-payment of taxes.
7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$158.00 for the Monadnock Region.
8. To see what action the Town will take in purchasing two hundred feet of 2½" hose and raise and appropriate money for same.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for tarring.
10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to joining the Firemen's Mutual Aid Association.

12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to sidewalk construction and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what action the Town will take in buying a 500 gallon water tank installed on No. 1 Engine and raise and appropriate money for same.

14. To see what action the Town will take in regards to lowering the road in front of Paul Cernota's house and raise and appropriate money for same. This road being 18 inches too high.

15. To see if the Town will rescind vote on today's ballot for fire wards and authorize Selectmen to appoint a fire chief to have complete charge of fire equipment, under supervision of Selectmen, and to be paid an annual salary of \$75.00.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$7150.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the following Class V Roads within the Town: Road No. 63 called Sand Hill Road from end of pavement at water works to end of pavement at North Bennington, such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 83, Laws of 1951, as amended by Chapter 31, Laws of 1953, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the interests of the Town of Bennington.

17. To see what action the Town will take in regards to buying a loader and raise and appropriate money for the same.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$310.00 for the purpose of buying a new adding machine for the town office.

19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to run a service pipe from the hydrant at Memorial Park to the picnic grounds and residence of Maurice Paige.

20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for statutory requirements and to carry the articles and appropriations of the School District into effect.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
Selectmen of Bennington, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
Selectmen of Bennington, N. H.

BUDGET

OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

Compared with

**Estimated and actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
 of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,301 36	\$447 23	\$447 23
Railroad Tax	165 61	157 08	157 08
Savings Bank Tax	173 91	97 96	97 96
For Fighting Forest Fires		6 50	
Blister Rust		80	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	150 00	199 50	150 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	50 00	20 00	20 00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	100 00	90 32	90 00
Income from Trust Funds		859 33	500 00
Truck	1,000 00	1,089 40	1,000 00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
(a) Water Departments	2,500 00	2,340 62	2,300 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,150 00	1,737 88	1,500 00
Misc. Income	100 00		
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	480 00	422 00	422 00
Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$7,170 88	\$7,468 62	\$6,684 27
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			\$54,162 22
Total Revenues			\$60,846 49

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,350 00	\$1,395 90	\$1,400 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00	1,574 08	1,500 00
Election and Registration Expenses	300 00	260 00	150 00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,800 00	1,879 30	1,800 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	600 00	592 79	600 00
Fire Department	1,900 00	1,823 87	1,900 00
Insurance, Civil Defense			150 00
Lake	900 00	1,056 24	
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	550 00	169 45	75 00
Vital Statistics	23 00	11 50	15 00
Spraying Trees		125 00	125 00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal			500 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000 00	3,045 75	3,000 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000 00	1,909 11	2,000 00
Street Lighting	1,500 00	1,488 35	1,500 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	900 00	736 29	800 00
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,500 00	110 07	1,500 00
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00	1,756 06	2,500 00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Including Band Concerts	600 00	277 26	1,500 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipally Owned			
Water and Electric Utilities	2,500 00	1,616 36	1,500 00
Cemeteries	300 00	910 15	300 00

Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses, Including Dog Damage		488 00	350 00
Auto Permits	149 50	160 00	160 00

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	275 00	110 68	200 00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	80 00	160 00	140 00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Truck	800 00	1,179 38	800 00
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Payment on Principal of Debt:

Long Term Notes	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	6,073 17	6,208 11	6,500 00
School Taxes	28,229 29	26,363 00	28,681 49

Total Expenditures	\$60,529 96	\$56,606 70	\$60,846 49
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**SUMMARY INVENTORY
OF VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1954**

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$656,325 00
Electric Plants	53,291 00
Horses, Asses and Mules	2,000 00
Cows	4,225 00
Other Neat Stock	250 00
Sheep and Goats	90 00
Fowls	7,850 00
Vehicles	450 00
Portable Mills	1,600 00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	25 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	600 00
Stock in Trade	343,150 00
Mills and Machinery	550,000 00
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Total Gross Valuation	
Before Exemptions Allowed	\$1,619,856 00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	35,000 00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$1,584,856 00
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Amount of property exempted to veterans	\$35,000 00
Number of inventories distributed	239
Number of inventories returned	164
Number of veterans who received property exemption	35
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	66

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

June 25, 1954

Ernest Hutchinson
Frederick S. Sheldon
Charles E. Lindsay
Selectmen

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00
Election and Registration Expenses	300 00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,800 00
Police Department	600 00
Fire Department and Forest Fires	1,900 00
Bathing Beach	900 00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination and Care of Trees	400 00
Health Department, Hospitals	550 00
Hose Appropriation	300 00
Vital Statistics	23 00
Decorating Town Hall	800 00
Town Road Aid	185 15
Town Maintenance—Summer—Winter	5,000 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	900 00
Town Truck Maintenance	800 00
Sidewalk Construction	1,500 00
Street Lighting	1,500 00
Tarring	1,500 00
Forest Fire Pump	330 00
Libraries	200 00
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00
Public Relief	1,500 00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	550 00
Parks and Playgrounds inc. Band Concerts	600 00
Water and Electric Utilities	2,500 00
Cemeteries	300 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	275 00
Advertising and Regional Associations	156 00
Payment on Debt	1,080 00
County Tax	6,208 11
School Tax	26,363 00
Total Town and School Appropriations	\$64,520 26

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 447 23
Railroad Tax	165 61
Savings Bank Tax	97 96

Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	721 83
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300 00
Dog Licenses	150 00
Business Licenses and Permits	50 00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	100 00
Water and Electric Departments	2,500 00
Town Truck	1,000 00
 Total Revenues and Credits	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	\$ 6,532 63
 Plus Overlay	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	57,987 63
	1,134 04
 Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Less: Number 241 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$482 00
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Amount to be raised by Property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured.	\$58,639 67
 Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Property Taxes	\$58,639 67
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	482 00
 Total Taxes to be Committed	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Tax Rate: Approved by Commission	\$59,121 67
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	\$3 70

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1954

Title of Appropriation	Approp.	Receipts & Reimb'm'ts	Total Available	Unexpended Balance			Overdraffs
				Expenditures	Balance	Overdraffs	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,350 00	\$10 00	\$1,360 00	\$1,395 90			\$35 90
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00	48 00	1,548 00	1,574 08			26 08
Election and Registration	300 00		300 00	260 00			\$40 00
Exp. Town Hall and Other Buildings	1,800 00	102 82	1,902 82	1,879 30			23 52
Police Department	600 00		600 00	592 79			7 21
Fire Department	1,900 00	117 11	2,017 11	1,823 87			193 24
Blister Rust	400 00	80	400 80	400 00			80 00
Health Department and Dump	550 00		550 00	169 45			380 55
Vital Statistics	23 00		23 00	11 50			11 50
Town Road Aid	367 44		367 44	367 44			
Town Maintenance: Summer and Winter	5,000 00		5,000 00	4,954 86			45 14
Street Lighting	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,488 35			11 65
General Exp. Highway Department	900 00		900 00	736 29			163 71
Libraries	200 00		200 00	200 00			
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00		2,500 00	1,756 06			743 94
Town Poor	1,500 00		1,500 00	110 07			1,389 93
Memorial Day	250 00		250 00	250 00			
Lake	900 00		900 00	1,056 24			156 24
Parks and Playgrounds	600 00		600 00	277 26			322 74
Water Department	2,500 00	2,340 62	4,840 62	1,616 36			3,224 26
Cemeteries	300 00	859 33	1,159 33	910 15			249 18
Legal Expense and Damages				488 00			488 00
Town Truck	800 00	1,089 40	1,889 40	1,179 38			710 02
Regional Association	156 00		156 00	156 00			
Auto Permits	149 50		149 50	160 00			10 50
Interest on Temporary Loans	275 00		275 00	110 68			164 32

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
For The
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. January 20, 1955.

Ernest D. Hutchinson
Frederick S. Sheldon
Charles E. Lindsay
Selectmen

Arthur F. Bell
Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$25,785 15
Accounts Due to the Town	
Due from State:	
Bounties	119 00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1953	109 51
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	
Property, \$2,728.38	
Poll Tax, \$78.00	2,806 38
Levy of 1953	8 67
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	280 00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	45 00
Total Assets	\$29,153 71
Grand Total	\$29,153 71
Net Debt—December 31, 1953	\$2,589 47
Net Surplus—December 31, 1954	3,138 66
Decrease of Debt	\$5,728 13
Debt created for: — Fire Truck	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding	\$ 393 27
Town Hall Chairs	200 00
Commemorative Plaque	150 00
Old Home Day Appropriation	300 00
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	233 37
Uncollected, \$280.00	
Collected, not remitted to	
State Treasurer, \$566.00	846 00
Due to Precincts—Water Works	459 41
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	16,363 00
Long Term Notes Outstanding	
First National Bank of Hillsborough	
Interest Note	7,070 00
Total Liabilities	\$26,015 05
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	3,138 66
Grand Total	\$29,153 71

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Collected and remitted to Treasurer	\$56,146 27
Property Taxes — Current Year	422 00
Yield Taxes	631 96
State Head Taxes at \$5	1,311 00
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$58,511 23
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years	3,073 71
State Head Taxes at \$5 Previous Years	160 50
Interest received on Taxes	91 44

From State:

Interest and dividends tax	447 23
Railroad Tax	157 08
Savings Bank and Building and	

Loan Association Tax	97 96
National forest reserve	80
Fighting forest fires	6 50
Bounties	51 00
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	199 50
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	20 00
Rent of town property	90 32
Truck	1,089 40
Water and electric departments	2,340 62
Motor vehicles, 1953	1,737 88
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	10,000 00
Refunds	174 49
Lizzie Holt Fund	1,287 41
Trust Funds Interest Accrued- spent in cemeteries	859 33
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$12,321 22
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$80,396 40
Cash on hand January 1, 1954	18,390 30
Grand Total	\$98,786 70

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,395 90
Town officers' expenses	1,574 08
Election and registration expenses	250 00
Expenses town hall and other buildings — Painting	
\$1,600.00 — Op. \$1,879.30	3,479 30

Protections of Persons and Property:

Police department	592 79
Forest fire pump	330 00
Fire department, including forest fires	1,823 87
Moth extermination — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	400 00
Bounties	119 00
Hose Appropriation	300 00

Health:	
Health department, including hospitals and dump	169 45
Vital statistics	11 50
Spraying Trees for Elm Disease	125 00
Highways and Bridges:	
Tarring	1,444 25
Town Road Aid	367 44
Town Maintenance—Summer, \$3,045.75 Winter, \$1,909.11	4,954 86
Street lighting	1,488 35
General Expenses of Highway Department	736 29
Libraries:	
Libraries	200 00
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	1,756 06
Town poor	110 07
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	250 00
Recreation:	
Lake	1,056 24
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	277 26
Public Service Enterprises:	
Municipal water and electric departments	1,616 36
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	910 15
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	488 00
Town Truck	1,179 38
Advertising and Regional Assn's	156 00
Taxes bought by town	109 51
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	53 38
Refund to State a/c Yield Taxes	373 15
Auto Permits	160 00
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$2,031 42
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$110 68
Paid on long term notes	160 00
Bank charge	06

Total Interest Payments	\$270 74
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:	
Sidewalk construction	\$1,500 00
Total Outlay Payments	\$1,500 00
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$10,000 00
Payments on long term notes	1,000 00
Lizzie Holt Fund	1,287 41
Total Indebtedness Payments	\$12,287 41
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid Treas. 1954 Taxes, \$670.50	
Prior Years, \$328.50	\$999 00
Taxes paid to County	6,208 11
Payments to School Districts 1953 Tax, \$13,468.65	
1954 Tax, \$10,000.00	23,468 65
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$30,675 76
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$73,001 55
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	\$25,785 15
Grand Total	\$98,786 70

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, Land and Buildings	25,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000 00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	100 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	400 00
Equipment	19,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	3,000 00
Equipment	10,000 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	35,000 00
Water Supply	36,000 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	65,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
Total	\$199,500 00

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
December 31, 1954
Showing Annual Maturities of
Outstanding Bonds & Long Term Notes

New Fire Truck

(Ser. Notes)

1952

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Maturities	ORIGINAL AMT.	Total Annual Maturities
	\$10,000 00	
1955	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
1956	1,000 00	1,000 00
1957	1,000 00	1,000 00
1958	1,000 00	1,000 00
1959	1,000 00	1,000 00
1960	1,000 00	1,000 00
1961	1,000 00	1,000 00
Total		\$7,000 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 1, 1954 Thru December 31, 1954

DEBIT

Total Auto Tax, 1954	\$1,739 82
Total Dog Tax	\$215 50
Clerk's Fees	16 00
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Filing Fees	\$199 50
Recount	18 00
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	10 00
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	\$1,967 32

CREDIT

Total Amount Remitted to Treasurer	\$1,965 38
Cash in hands of Clerk	1 94
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	\$1,967 32

Donald A. Powers
Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
January 1, 1954 to March 9, 1954

DEBIT

Levy of 1952		
Property Uncollected	\$57 80	
* Polls	4 00	
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	\$61 80	
* This figure omitted thru error from financial statement for 1953.		
Levy of 1953		
Property Uncollected	\$2,488 29	
Polls	52 00	
Interest Collected	8 86	
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Total Uncollected 1952 and 1953		\$2,610 95

CREDIT

Property Collected 1952 and 1953	\$916 47	
Polls Collected	22 00	
Abatements	6 80	
Interest Collected	8 86	
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Committed to Dorine B. Bullock	\$ 954 13	
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	1,656 82	
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	\$2,610 95	

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of March 9, 1954, on account of the tax levy of 1952 and 1953, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

James H. Balch
 Tax Collector

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1954

DEBIT

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$58,639 67
Poll Taxes	482 00
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Total Warrant	\$59,121 67
Yield Taxes	631 96
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	1,444 48
Poll Taxes	26 00
Interest Collected	4 35
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Total Debits	\$61,228 46

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$56,146 27
Poll Taxes	422 00
Yield Taxes	631 96
Interest Collected	4 35
Discounts Allowed	1,074 45

Abatements:

Property Taxes	135 05
Poll Taxes	8 00

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	2,728 38
Poll Taxes	78 00
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\$61,228 46

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy of 1954, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Dorine B. Bullock
Tax Collector

PROPERTY TAXES UNPAID, 1954

Atkinson, James	\$ 55 50
Bartlett, Fred Est.	57 35
Bartlett, Fred and Emma Est.	11 10
Blanchard, Robert and Eunice	216 45
Bennett, Everett	79 55
Call, Annabelle	37 00
Cashion, Patrick Est.	66 60
Broderick, Edward and Helen	44 40
Chase, Alfred — Paid Jan. 4, 1955	3 70
Cole, Charles	40 70
Davy, Joseph	3 70
Dorry, Marion E. — Paid Jan. 4, 1955	18 50
Durfee, Harold and Janel	57 72
Dorry, Roy E. — Paid Jan. 4, 1955	14 06
Edes, George	20 35
Eldrid, Ruth A. — Paid Jan. 8, 1955	66 60
Edes, Mary A.	1 85
Fournier, Eli Est.	7 40
Flanders, Herbert and Hattie	103 60
Flanders, Herbert	18 50
Glynn, Horton	1 85
Glynn, Horton and Alice — Paid Jan. 28, 1955	81 40
Gibbs, Fred	55 50
Handy, Percy	37 00
Hugron, Fred E. — Part Payment Jan. 29, 1955	92 50
Lindsay, Herbert J.	37 00
Loomis, Melvin and Ruth	7 40
LeBlanc, Phyllis	92 50
McClure, Wesley	74 00
Paige, Maurice E.	18 50
Parker, L. J. and Doris	268 25
Perkins, Warren	59 20
Peckham, Arthur	37 00
Sabbio, Emanual	122 10
Smith, Carrie	29 60
St. Lawrence, Robert and Barbara	66 60
Smith, Ralph and Jean	74 00
Smith, Lorenzo	1 85
Traxler, Dorothy	92 50
Traxler, Paul	18 50
Vincent & Hughes — Part Payment Jan. 8, 1955	166 50
Wilson, Hattie Est.	5 55
Wilson, Henry Est.	1 85
Wilson, Herbert E.	62 90
Butt, Claude and Catherine	74 00
Dorr, Harry A.	25 90
Edler, Chas. M.	64 75

Flagg, Kate Est.	I	85
Mallett, Fred Est. — Paid Jan. 5, 1955	I	85
McFarlane, Russell B.	II	10
Newhall, John	75	85
Robertson, John T.	3	70
Schall, Bastida B.	3	70
Olsen, Inez — Paid Jan. 25, 1955	37	00
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		\$2,728.38

UNPAID POLL TAXES, 1954

Burrows, Delpha
 Burrows, Walter J.
 Blanchard, Robert
 Blanchard, Eunice
 Call, Annabelle
 Chase, Alfred — Paid Jan. 4, 1955
 Cole, Charles
 Cole, Grace
 Chagnon, Ernest
 Chagnon, Hazel
 Dorry, Marion — Paid Jan. 4, 1955
 Eldrid, Ruth
 Glynn, Alice
 Glynn, Horton
 Handy, Robert
 Handy, Isabell
 Harrison, Arthur — Paid Jan. 15, 1955
 Heino, Kathleen
 Knight, Edwina
 Lindsay, Herbert
 Lindsay, Ora
 Loomis, Ruth
 McClure, Pauline
 Paige, Verna
 Parker, Bertha
 Parker, Doris I.
 Parker, Elmer R.
 Rogers, Burt
 Sabbio, Asea
 Sabbio, Emanuel
 Smith, Jean T.
 Smith, Lorenzo
 St. Lawrence, Barbara
 Wilson, Evelyn C.
 Wilson, Herbert

Rogers, Mrs. Burt	
Broderick, Edward	
Broderick, Mrs. Edward	
Donnelly, Eva	\$78 00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
Levy of 1954**

DEBIT

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$1,545 00
Added Taxes	55 00
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Total Commitment	\$1,600 00
Penalties Collected	16 00
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Total Debits	\$1,616 00

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$1,295 00
Penalties	16 00
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Abatements	\$1,311 00
Uncollected Head Taxes	25 00
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Total Credits	280 00
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	\$1,616 00

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Dorine B. Bullock
Tax Collector

UNPAID HEAD TAXES, 1954

Burrows, Walter J.
Burrows, Delpha
Blanchard, Robert
Blanchard, Eunice
Call, Annabelle
Chase, Alfred — Paid Jan. 4, 1955
Cole, Charles
Cole, Grace
Cheney, Mrs. Howard A.
Chagnon, Ernest
Chagnon, Hazel
Dorry, Marion E. — Paid Jan. 4, 1955
Dorry, Roy E. — Paid Jan. 4, 1955
Donnelly, John
Donnelly, Eva
Eldrid, Ruth
Fenerty, Herbert
Fenerty, Ethel
Glynn, Horton
Glynn, Alice M.
Handy, Robert
Handy, Isabell
Harrison, Arthur — Paid Jan. 15, 1955
Heino, Kathleen
Knight, Edwina
Knight, Robert
Lindsay, Herbert J.
Lindsay, Ora
Lindsay, John H. Jr.
Loomis, Ruth
Loomis, Melvin — Paid Jan. 2, 1955
McClure, Pauline
McClure, Wesley
Nelson, Joseph
Paige, Maurice
Paige, Verna
Parker, Elmer — Paid Jan. 29, 1955
Parker, Doris I.
Parker, Chester
Parker, Robert
Porter, Howard B. Jr.
Smith, Jean T.
Smith, Ralph H.
St. Lawrence, Robert
St. Lawrence, Barbara
Sabbio, Emanuel
Sabbio, Asea

Traxler, David A.	
Wilson, Herbert	
Wilson, Evelyn C.	
Whittemore, Pheobe	
Whittemore, George	
Yakovakis, Anna	
Broderick, Edward	
Broderick, Mrs. Edward	
Bowen, Eleanor	
	\$280 00

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1953
DEBIT

Uncollected Taxes March 9, 1954 to December 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$1,565 02
Poll Taxes	30 00
Yield Taxes	315 23
	\$1,910 25

Interest Collected	
March 9, 1954 to December 31, 1954	73 88
	\$1,984 13

Total Debits	\$1,984 13
	CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer March 9, 1954 to December 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$1,556 35
Poll Taxes	20 00
Interest Collected	73 88
Yield Taxes	315 23

Abatements:

Poll Taxes	10 00
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Uncollected Taxes:

Hollis Wood Products	8 67
	\$1,984 13

Total Credits	\$1,984 13
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Dorine B. Bullock
 Tax Collector

PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES, 1952

DEBIT

Uncollected Taxes As of March 9, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$57 80
Poll Taxes	4 00

**Interest Collected from March 9, 1954
to December 31, 1954**

\$61 80

4 35

Total Debits **\$66 15**

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer from March 9, 1954

to December 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$57 80
Poll Taxes	2 00
Interest Collected	4 35

Abatements:

Poll Tax	2 00
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Total Credits **\$66 15**

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy of 1952, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Dorine B. Bullock
Tax Collector

HEAD TAXES, 1953

DEBIT

**State Head Taxes Committed to Collector
March 9, 1954 to December 31, 1954:**

Warrant	\$120 00
Penalties Collected	7 50

Total Debits **\$127 50**

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer from March 9, 1954
to December 31, 1954:

Head Taxes	\$75 00
Penalties	7 50
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Abated	\$82 50
Uncollected Head Taxes	30 00
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Total Credits	15 00
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	\$127 50

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Dorine B. Bullock
Tax Collector

UNPAID HEAD TAXES, 1953

Donnelly, John
Lindsay, Judith
Lindsay, John H. Jr.

\$15 00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS As of December 31, 1954

Taxes Sold to Town	
During Current Year	\$109 51
Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales	
On Account of Levies of 1953:	
John & Judith Lindsay	\$73 31
Charles Cole	Redeemed 36 20
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	\$109 51

Tax Sale Sheet in Back of Ledger
"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy of 1953, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Dorine B. Bullock
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1954, Cash on Hand **\$18,390 30**

Received:

Jas. H. Balch, Collector

1953 poll tax	\$ 22 00
1953 property tax	916 47
1953 interest	8 86
1953 head tax	70 00
1953 head tax penalties	8 00

Dorine B. Bullock, Collector

1952 property tax	3 40
1952 interest	29
1953 polls	22 00
1953 property tax	1,610 75
1953 interest	77 94
1953 head tax	75 00
1953 head tax penalties	7 50
1953 yield tax	80 92
1954 poll tax	422 00
1954 property tax	56,146 27
1954 yield tax	866 27
1954 head tax	1,295 00
1954 head tax penalties	16 00
1954 interest	4 35

Donald Powers

1954 auto tax	1,737 88
1954 filing fees	18 00
1954 recount	10 00
1954 dog tax	199 50

John D. Armstrong

1954 water rents	2,334 12
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Herbert Curtiss

1954 town truck	1,036 50
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Paul G. Traxler

1954 telephone	96 18
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D. Newhall

1954 Hall rent	14 00
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Selectmen

1954 Beano Lic.	20 00
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Calvin Brown Post

1954 wood	9 00
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Hazel L. Burrows

Evergreen Cemetery lot	4 50
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Novat Bergeron

yield tax	50 00
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Davis Oil Co.

	6 50
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J. P. Weston

overpayment	10 00
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Florence K. Newton	
Highway Department	5 00
Hartford Fire Ins. Co.	
smoke damage	8 67
Commonwealth Ins. Co.	
smoke damage	4 33
State Treasury	
forest fire meetings	6 50
Holt Cemetery Fund	1,287 41
First National Bank, Hillsboro	
temporary loan	10,000 00
Public Service Co.	
window	3 50
Town Francestown	
Carrol Dow fire	20 25
Fire Department	
use of pump	2 50
State Treasury	
bounty on porcupines	51 00
Trustee Trust Funds	643 45
State Treasury	
Int. & Div. tax	447 23
George Gray	
Fire Department	2 50
Town Greenfield	
fire Lowe's Mill	44 00
P. G. Traxler	
use fire truck	2 50
Trustee Trust Funds	
cemetery care	215 88
State N. H.	
2 hours fire truck	8 00
State N. H.	255 04
Maurice Blodgett	
yield tax collection	133 86
Herbert Curtis	
tarring driveways	52 40
Wm. McNamee	
taxes	2 38
State N. H.	80
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Total receipts	\$80,396 40
Paid on orders of Selectmen	73,001 55
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Plus balance January 1, 1954	\$ 7,394 85
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Balance January 1, 1955	\$18,390 30
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	\$25,785 15

Arthur F. Bell
Town Treasurer

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT
DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

Detail 1. Current Property Taxes	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$56,146 27
Detail 2. Current Polls	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$422 00
Detail 3. Previous Property and Polls	
James H. Balch	\$938 47
Dorine B. Bullock	1,636 15
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	\$2,574 62
Detail 4. Trust Funds	
Lizzie Holt Fund	\$1,287 41
Interest used in cemeteries	859 33
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	\$2,146 74
Detail 5. From State	
Forest Fire Meetings	\$ 6 50
Bounties	51 00
Interest and Dividends Tax	447 23
Railroad Tax	157 08
Savings Bank and Building Loan Assoc. Tax	97 96
Blister Rust	80
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	\$760 57
Detail 6. Head Taxes 1953	
James H. Balch	\$78 00
Dorine B. Bullock	82 50
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	\$160 50
Detail 7. Dog Licenses	
Don A. Powers	\$199 50
Detail 8. Business Licenses and Permits	
Beano Licenses	\$20 00
Detail 9. Yield Taxes	
Novat Bergeron	\$ 50 00
Dorine B. Bullock	1,081 05
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	\$1,131 05
Detail 10. Rent of Town Property	
Dalmer Newhall	\$90 32
Detail 11. Interest Received	
James H. Balch	\$ 8 86
Dorine B. Bullock	82 58
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	\$91 44

Detail 12. Registration of Motor Vehicles		
Don A. Powers		\$1,737 88
	Detail 13. Town Truck	
Herbert A. Curtis		\$1,089 40
	Detail 14. Miscellaneous	
Paul Traxler — Telephone		\$117 11
Insurance Refunds, etc.		57 38
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		\$174 49
	Detail 15. Temporary Loans	
First National Bank of Hillsboro		\$10,000 00
	Detail 16. 1954 Head Taxes	
Dorine B. Bullock		\$1,311 00
	Detail 17. Water Works	
John D. Armstrong		\$2,340 62
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Total		\$80,396 40

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT
DETAIL OF PAYMENTS**

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

E. C. Black, Audit.	\$ 10 00
Walter D. Cleary, Audit.	10 00
Charles E. Lindsay, Selectman	300 00
Frederick S. Sheldon, Selectman	250 00
Ernest D. Hutchinson, Selectman	250 00
Don A. Powers, Clerk	75 00
Don A. Powers, Health Officer	50 00
Dorine B. Bullock, Tax Collector	187 50
Dorine B. Bullock, Head Tax Fees	30 90
Philip E. Knowles, Sup. Check List	25 00
Fred Hugron, Dog Constable	20 00
Arthur F. Bell, Treasurer	187 50
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	\$1,395 90

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

Edson C. Eastman	\$ 8 31
Contoocook Valley Tel. Co.	6 72
Association N. H. Assessors	3 00
Brown and Saltmarsh	60 47
Maxwell Press	722 46
Sargent Bros.	11 93
Annie S. Lindsay, Stamps	30 00
James D. Hines, Fees	25 00
Harry W. Brown	7 14

Fred Howard, Printing	3 50
Addie French, Dinners	25 00
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	399 93
Chase's, Keene, Supplies	62 98
C. E. Lindsay, Dinners	8 50
Frederick S. Sheldon, Car	4 80
Ernest D. Hutchinson, Car	4 80
Dorine B. Bullock, Stamps	4 76
Donat Corriveau, Register of Deeds	10 32
Tax Collectors Assoc.	3 00
Transcript Printing	2 80
Philip E. Knowles, Trust Funds	20 00
Mildred C. Lindsay, Posting Back Ledgers	10 00
Annie S. Lindsay, P. O. Box	2 00
Don A. Powers, Dog tags and Book	10 60
Sargent Brothers, Tax Bills	23 65
Dorine B. Bullock, Postage	8 00
Monadnock Paper Mills, Trustee Book	42 67
Dorine B. Bullock, Postage	8 00
N. H. Town Clerk Assoc.	2 00
Registry Deeds	1 75
Dalmer Newhall	9 71
Arthur Bell, Expenses	20 00
Transcript Printing Co.	1 50
Frederick S. Sheldon, Refund	1 00
Don A. Powers	9 90
	\$1,574 08

Detail 3. Election and Registration

John P. Weston, Moderator	\$15 00
Herbert Curtis, Ballot Inspector	22 50
Wilfred Levesque, Ballot Inspector	15 00
Philip Knowles	10 00
Edward French	35 00
Paul Traxler	35 00
Maxwell Press, Ballots	45 00
Addie French, Dinners	25 00
Dalmer Newhall, Ballot Inspector	15 00
Arnold Diemond, Ballot Inspector	7 50
Ruth Cole, Dinners	35 00
	\$260 00

Detail 4. Forest Fire Pump

James A. Coffin	\$330 00
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Detail 5. Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Contoocook Valley Tel. Co.	\$ 9 80
A. F. Edmunds, Supplies	12 73

Public Service Co., Lights	121 87
Paul Traxler, Emergency Lights	64 00
L. F. Hugron, Plumbing	4 11
Alfred Perry, Roof Repairs	85 71
Dalmer Newhall, Labor and Supplies	307 65
Henry W. Wilson Agency	425 91
C. S. Wood Co.	4 45
Philip Traxler, Wood	4 00
Otis Farhm, Painting Hall	1,600 00
C. E. Lindsay	69
Paul Traxler, Repairs and Labor	123 63
Robert B. Fish, Repairs to Boiler	280 37
Herbert Curtis, Wood	23 50
Ernest D. Hutchinson	2 89
Walter Smith	11 00
Edward Caughlin, Coal	397 62
Robert B. Fish	11 25
C. B. Burll, Supplies	8 12
H. N. Chase, Piano Tuning	5 00
Philip Knowles, Care of Clock	25 00
	\$3,479 30

Detail 6. Police Department

Contoocook Val. Tel. Co.	\$36 66
Frank Chiesa	415 13
Fred Hugron	73 00
A. R. Sheldon	3 00
George Gray	14 60
* N. H. Welding	7 40
Olen Newhall	36 00
John Donnelly	7 00
	\$592 79

* Fire Department expense charged to Police Department thru error.

Detail 7. Fire Department

Edward French, Payrolls	\$299 50
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	529 63
Public Service Co. of N. H.	21 00
Paul Traxler, Labor and Salary	47 47
Contoocook Val. Tel. Co.	149 18
W. K. Flood, Oil	64 78
James Coffin, Supplies and Fittings	236 55
L. J. Parker, Forest Fires	57 44
Newhall's Garage	157 90
Eli Belletete & Sons, Lumber	29 87

Thompson Hoague Co.	6 00
J. H. Emerson Co.	5 74
C. E. Lindsay	8 35
George Gray, Salary and Checking Equipment	81 66
Mine Safety App. Co.	2 80
Firemen's Mutual Aid Association	78 00
Eastern Equipment	5 94
Bennington Garage	16 06
Arthur Sawyer	6 00
Ivon Clough	20 00
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	\$1,823 87

Detail 8. Bounties

C. E. Lindsay	\$99 50
Peter Zachos	2 50
Pearl Warren	6 50
Edward Cernota	1 50
Harry W. Brown	3 50
Frederick S. Sheldon	5 50
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	\$119 00

Detail 9. Hose Appropriation

James Coffin	\$300 00
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Detail 10. Health Department and Dump

Herbert Curtis	\$169 45
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Detail 11. Vital Statistics

Donald A. Powers	\$11 50
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Detail 12. Spraying Trees

Monadnock Tree Service	\$125 00
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Detail 13. Town Maintenance Summer

Herbert A. Curtiss, Payroll	\$2,875 49
Keene Sand & Gravel	64 00
C. F. Johnson, Shovel	55 00
Public Service Co. of N. H.	3 50
Dalmer Newhall	7 00
Walter Smith	7 00
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	33 76
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	\$3,045 75

Detail 14. Town Maintenance Winter

Merrimack Farmers Exchange	\$ 127 50
Herbert Curtis, Payrolls	1,781 61
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	\$1,909 11

Detail 15. Tarring

Trimount Bituminous Co.	\$1,040 70
Herbert A. Curtis	403 55
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	\$1,444 25

Detail 16. Lake

Herbert A. Curtis	\$300 80
Antrim Buildings Supply	21 28
C. S. Woods Co.	13 86
John H. Davy	10 00
Frank Chiesa, Superintendent	104 00
C. E. Lindsay, Chains	14 85
Contoocook Valley Tel. Co.	14 78
David Chamberlain	566 67
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	\$1,056 24

Detail 17. Street Lighting

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$1,488 35
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Detail 18. General Expenses Highway Department

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$ 87 23
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	270 84
Paul Traxler, Care Blinker	6 37
Bennington Garage, Parts and Labor, Tractor	307 71
C. F. Johnson, Compressor	14 75
R. C. Hazelton, Parts, Tractor	49 39
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	\$736 29

Detail 19. Libraries

Philip E. Knowles	\$200 00
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Detail 20. Old Age Assistance

State of N. H.	\$1,756 06
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Detail 21. Town Poor

A. F. Edmunds, Orders	\$27 69
Alfred Chase	69 46
Hillsboro County	12 92
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	\$110 07

Detail 22. Monadnock Region Association

Monadnock Region Association	\$156 00
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Detail 23. Parks and Playgrounds

Monadnock Tree Service	\$25 00
Fred B. Elliott	7 00
National Mower Co., Repairs	15 97
Dalmer Newhall	131 50
Walter Smith	35 50
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	39 00
Bennington Garage	23 29
	\$277 26

Detail 24. Water Department

John D. Armstrong	\$624 68
Joseph Thompson, Welding	15 00
Wallace Tierman, Chlorinator	133 62
O. B. Peirce Co.	12 05
Dalmer Newhall	49 50
Walter Smith	25 00
N. H. Water Works Association	5 00
Harry W. Brown	12 00
Ludlow Valve Co.	27 21
Chapman Valve Co.	6 11
James G. Coffin	40 00
Bennington Garage	60
H. R. Prescott	181 55
F. A. Gleason	16 00
Paul Traxler	12 46
Public Service Co. of N. H.	455 58
	\$1,616 36

Detail 25. Cemeteries

Bennington Garage	\$5 00
Henry W. Wilson Agency	19 00
Lawrence Newhall	56 00
Walter Smith	313 25
Dalmer Newhall	516 90
	\$910 15

Detail 26. Damages & Legal Expenses

David Traxler	\$5 00
George Gray	3 00
Paul Traxler	5 00
Gladys & Eileen Newhall — Road Damage	150 00

Tracy Claflin — 4 yrs. Back Garage Rent	240 00
Dalmer Newhall — Road Damage	25 00
Maurice M. Blodgett — Legal Advice	60 00
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	\$488 00
Detail 27. Taxes Bought By Town	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$109 51
Detail 28. State Head Taxes, 1953	
State of New Hampshire	\$328 50
Detail 29. Interest	
First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$270 68
Detail 30. Town Road Aid	
State of New Hampshire	\$367 44
Detail 31. Yield Taxes	
State of New Hampshire	\$373 15
Detail 32. Head Taxes, 1954	
State of New Hampshire	\$570 50
Detail 33. Sidewalk Construction	
Stephen Chase	\$1,500 00
Detail 34. Auto Permits	
Donald A. Powers	\$160 00
Detail 35. Refunds & Abatements	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$41 51
Novat Bergeron	8 49
William McNamee	2 38
Frederick S. Sheldon	1 00
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	\$53 3¢
Detail 36. Trust Funds	
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Bal. Lizzie Holt Fund	\$1,287 41
Detail 37. Temporary Loans	
First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$10,000 00
Detail 38. Long Term Notes	
First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$1,000 00

Detail 39. State & County	
State Forester — Blister Rust	\$400 00
Hillsboro County Treas. — County Tax	6,208 11
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	\$6,608 11

Detail 40. Town Truck	
Herbert A. Curtis	\$44 75
R. C. Hazelton	32 59
Henry W. Wilson Agency — Insurance	40 95
Bennington Garage	1,061 09
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	\$1,179 38

Detail 41. School District	
Mary K. Wilson	\$23,468 65
Total Payments	<hr/>
Bank Charge	\$73,001 49
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Grand Total Payments	\$73,001 55

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY**

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$209 50
Trustees of Trust Funds	1,124 93
Town Appropriation	200 00
Return premium on insurance	2 60
Sale of old magazines	1 50
Total Receipts	\$1,538 53

Expenditures

Mary K. Wilson, librarian	\$360 00
Georgietta Bryer, assistant librarian	11 00
Steve Yakovakis, janitor	150 00
Fuel oil, 1695 gallons	238 51
Orvel B. Peirce, furnace repairs	84 50
Henry W. Wilson Agency, insurance	83 00
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	60 52
Thames Book Company, books	99 73
Field Enterprises Inc., Encyclopedia binder	1 50
Magazines and Newspapers	50 50
Braman Dow and Company, flush closet	44 92
Southwestern Trans. Co., express	2 06
Bank Service Charge	4 95
Edmunds Dept. Store, stepladder	7 59
Total Expenditures	\$1,198 78
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	339 75
	\$1,538 53

Respectfully Submitted,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES, Treasurer

**MARY D. SHEA
RUTH A. CODY, Library Trustees**

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY

Days and hours open:
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Afternoons 2:30 to 4:30
Evenings 6:30 to 8:30

Books purchased in 1954	53
Books by gift in 1954	64
Peterborough Transcript (weekly)	
History of Peterborough (2 vol.)	
Volumes of town reports (1867 - 1951) (Presented by J. Harvey Balch)	7
Magazines by subscription	9
Books numbered for circulation	3,143

Magazines by subscription:	By gift:
Jack and Jill	Time
American Girl	Fortune
Seventeen	McCalls
Life	Donors of books:
Ladies Home Journal	Mrs. Amy Doe
Saturday Evening Post	Mrs. Edward Black
National Geographic	Mrs. Mildred Lindsay
Newsweek	Miss Anne Lindsay
	Mrs. George Sargent
	Mrs. John W. Bryer

MARY K. WILSON,
Librarian.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

1954

Total number of gallons pumped, 526,600

Number of hours pumping, 57

Cost of power, heat, and lighting	\$566 94
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Report of Collections:

Total rentals collected	\$2,185 74
Total supplies sold	53 38
Total old accounts collected	95 00
Total collected	<u>\$2,334 12</u>
Turned in to Treasurer	<u>\$2,334 12</u>

Uncollected:

E. Lambert	\$10 66
H. Lindsay	32 00
M. Loomas	10 00
Wesley McClure	13 33
Ed Moule	13 00
Robert St. Laurence	13 00
Clifford Smith	8 00
Ralph Smith	16 00
A. Sabbio	8 00
Paul Traxler (paid Jan. 19)	8 00
H. E. Wilson (paid Jan. 4)	10 00
George Whittemore	40 00
Mrs. William Call	10 00
H. Chandler	13 00
B. H. Fenerty	8 00
Fred Gibbs	10 00
H. R. Glynn	16 00
Fred Hugron	13 00
Thomas Hughes	16 00
Wm. Keriaxes (paid Jan. 3)	19 75

Report of the Trust Funds of Bennington on December 31, 1954

NAME OF FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	Date of Creation	HOW INVESTED		Bal. of Income on Hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest on hand	Income During Year	Expenditures During Year	Bal. of Income at End of Year
		Principal of Amount	Bal. of Interest					
G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY Mary Butler Jameson Library Fund John D. & Mary O. Butler Lib. Fund	1923 1923	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank New Hampshire Savings Bank See N. 1	\$457 50 1000 00	\$26 83 45 68	2 1/2 3	\$12 17 31 60	\$39 00 77 28	18 69 88 15
Emma E. Gipson Mem. Trust Fund Emma E. Gipson Mem. Trust Fund	1938 1938 1938 1938 1938 1938 1938 1938	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank Loan and Trust Savings Bank Merrimac County Savings Bank New Hampshire Savings Bank New Mechanics Savings Bank Union Trust Company Bank See N. 2	50000 00 50000 00 50000 00 50000 00 50000 00 50000 00 1026 66 See N. 3	152 18 3 1/4	3 163 15 3 150 00 3 150 75 3 152 28 3 152 65	94 83 163 15 150 00 150 75 152 28 152 28 3 31 13	\$228 32 75 00 75 00 150 75 152 28 152 28 3 31 13	18 69 88 15 75 00 150 75 152 28 152 28 3 31 13
100 Shares, Mass. Inv. Trust 125 Shares, Boston Fund Co. 15 Shares,, American Tel. & Tel.	1938 1938 1938	Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00 332 20 50 00 100 00	15 91 46 60 10 26 19 03	3 3 3 3	3 49 11 43 1 82 3 559	8 96 21 51 6 23 8 96	10 44 5 85 6 23 8 96
SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY David W. Bell C.F. Willard S. Carklin C.F. W. H. Darrah C.F. Edward L. Dodge C.F.	1928 1916 1918 1921	Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00 332 20 50 00 100 00	15 91 46 60 10 26 19 03	3 3 3 3	3 49 11 43 1 82 3 559	8 96 21 51 6 23 8 96	10 44 5 85 6 23 8 96

Report of the Trust Funds of Bennington on December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED					
		Amount of Principal of beginning fund at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest† on Income	Duamre During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income at End of Year	Balance on Hand at End of Income
1917	Augustus W. Gray C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	14.57	3	3.45	8.96
1928	William Keith C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	15.86	3	3.49	8.96
1915	C. J. Kimball C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	21.70	3	5.18	11.69
1928	Harriet Kimball C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	12.24	3	1.88	6.23
1930	Mary Knowles C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	14.74	3	3.45	8.96
1914	Abram A. Ramsey C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1766.16	284.79	3	61.97	104.28
1906	Helen P. Ramsey C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	23.93	3	6.76	14.42
1925	William L. Naylor C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	20.46	3	3.63	8.96
1905	Anna M. Woodbury C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	33.58	3	7.06	15.13
1927	Samuel Abbott C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	200.00	26.19	2 1/2	5.60	14.42
1939	Samuel Gilman & Lucinda Dodge C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	100.00	11.76	2 1/2	2.76	8.96
1919	Anna M. Eaton C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	100.00	11.76	2 1/2	2.76	8.96
1937	Charles H. Kimball C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	100.00	11.76	2 1/2	2.73	8.96
1940	Amos A. Martin C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	200.00	23.59	2 1/2	5.54	14.42
1927	Amon Symonds C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	400.00	42.87	2 1/2	10.97	27.73
1935	Bersey R. Brown C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	50.00	7.39	3	1.69	6.23
1932	Charles F. Burnham C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	200.00	26.85	3	6.68	14.42
1934	Bessie Wilson Call C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00	14.86	3	3.38	8.96
1946	Stephen & Mary Chase C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	125.00	19.07	3	4.25	10.32
1949	Edith Dodge C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00	10.85	3	3.26	8.96
1952	Kendall Gray C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00	3.78	3	3.07	7.28
1954	Allan A. Gerard C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	* 150.00	3	1.13	1.13	6.23
1945	Sarah Keeser C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	50.00	7.38	3	1.69	2.84

1942	Fred Kimball C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	14 86	3	3 38	8 96	9 28
1939	Mary L. Knight C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	26 68	3	6 68	14 42	18 94
1952	C. D. Kockersperger C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	5 08	3	3 13	6 23	1 98
1942	Rodney & Lenora Nichols C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	14 85	3	3 38	8 96	9 27
1946	Lenora L. O'Leary C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	14 83	3	3 38	8 96	9 25
1954	William H. Odell C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	* 150 00	3	- 1 3	5 05	11 69	1 13
1936	Nancy Stevens C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	150 00	21 26	3	5 05	11 69	14 62
1941	Frank A. Taylor C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	14 85	3	3 38	8 96	9 27
1945	George Alfred Whitemore C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	250 00	27 05	3	8 17	17 05	18 17
1935	George W. Wilson C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	75 00	1 64	3	2 54	8 10	6 08
1943	Frank Young C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	150 00	19 20	3	4 99	11 69	12 50
1923	John D. Butler C.F.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	225 00	38 18	3	7 96	15 78	30 36
1922	Hornace Dinsmore C.F.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100 00	18 57	3	3 57	8 96	13 18
1927	Royal V. Knight C.F.E.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200 00	28 77	3	6 90	14 42	21 25
1919	Clara R. Whitemore C.F.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100 00	22 59	3	3 69	8 96	17 32
1906	George Andrew Whitemore C.F.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	300 00	53 42	3	10 67	19 88	44 21
1916	Trustees Trust Funds C.F.	Manchester Savings Bank	600 00	75 78	3 1/4	22 12	32 76	65 14
1923	Calvin S. Brown C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	18 08	3	3 56	12 15	9 49
1929	Luke Burtt C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	7 19	3	1 73	7 58	1 34
1931	John C. Dodge C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	25 91	3	6 82	21 29	11 44
1914	Mrs. A. D. Green C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	57 30	3	7 78	21 29	43 79
1913	George L. Herrick C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	50 56	3	7 56	21 29	36 83
1929	Lizzie M. Holt C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	46 23	3	7 43	21 29	32 37
1929	Charles F. Manahan C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	10 90	3	3 33	12 15	2 08
1928	Cyrus H. Philbrick C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	25 91	3	6 82	21 29	11 44
1928	Ann F. Philbrick C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	12 43	3	3 39	12 15	3 67
1931	Enos Vierno C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	12 44	3	3 39	12 15	3 68
1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney C.F.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	49 83	3	7 54	21 29	36 08
1935	Bradford D. Brown C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	9 74	3	1 73	7 58	3 89
1939	Ellen C. Brown C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	24 69	3	6 50	21 29	9 90
1942	Samuel and Jane Dodge C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	9 74	3	1 73	7 58	3 89
1954	Lizzie M. Holt C.F. (Special)	Peterborough Savings Bank	1287 41		3	19 31	*	19 31

Report of the Trust Funds of Bennington on December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED		Amount of Principal of Income on hand at Year beginning of Year	Rate of Interest During Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Hand at End of Year
		Principle on hand at beginning of Year	Interest on hand at beginning of Year					
1953	Laurence and Catherine Mulhall C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	3	4.52	3 00	1 52	
1940	Walter Wilson C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	9 85	3	1 73	7 58	4 00
1951	Robert Wilson C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	243 75	18 17	3	7 70	16 60	9 27
1943	Thomas Wilson C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	100 00	16 84	2 1/2	2 87	12 12	7 59
	MT. CALVARY CEMETERY							
1946	Laurence W. Flynn C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	125 00	26 60	3	4 57	5 96	25 21
1950	Annie M. Shea C.F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	20 86	3	6 66	5 96	21 56
1950	Mary E. Munhall C.F.	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	100 00	7 74	2 1/2	2 70	5 96	4 48
1940	Community Fund (Christmas Tree)	Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank	327 85	103 48	2 1/2	10 84	114 32	

NOTES

No. 1 On June 21, 1954, the sum of \$2505.90 was withdrawn from Hillsborough County Savings Bank to purchase 15 shares of American Tel. and Tel. at \$167.06. On June 29, 1954, the sum of \$1247.50 was withdrawn from the same bank to purchase 50 shares of Mass. Inv. Trust at \$24.95. — Balance End of Year (principal), \$1,246.60.

No. 2 Capital Gains Dividend \$14.44. This amount, \$14.44, was cash balance of capital gains dividends from Boston Fund and M.I.T. Balance end of year \$1,041.10.

No. 3 Capital gains dividend on 100 shares of M.I.T. was \$24.00, take one share at \$19.28, cash balance \$4.72 to Union Trust Co. Total shares December 31, 1954 — 151.

No. 4 Capital gains dividends on 125 shares of Bost. Fund was \$33.75, take one share at \$24.03, cash balance \$9.72 to Union Trust Co. Total shares December 31, 1954 — 126. Balance end of year \$2,964.03.

No. 5 This includes \$1247.50 for the 50 additional shares of M.I.T. — Balance end of year (principal), \$3,278.78.

No. 6 Last quarter dividend only.
* New Funds Created.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in the foregoing report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. PRENTISS WESTON
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
FREDERICK S. SHELDON,
Trustees.

JANITOR'S REPORT — TOWN HALL — 1954

	Janitor Service	Supplies	Free Hrs.	Paid Hrs.	Total
March	\$54 00	\$1 53			\$55 53
April	63 00	3 31	12		66 31
May	17 50	5 29	10		22 79
June	20 00	76	10	5	20 76
July	9 00			5	9 00
Aug.	5 00				5 00
Sept.	19 50	1 73	2 1/2	4	21 23
Oct.	40 50	9 25			49 75
Nov.	30 00		8 1/2		30 00
Dec.	37 00	2 99	5		39 99
	<hr/> \$295 50	<hr/> \$24 86	<hr/> 48	<hr/> 14	<hr/> \$320 36

Dalmer Newhall

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

ENGINE NO. 1

- | 500 gallon pumper with 150 gallon booster tank
| 200 ft. booster hose
- | hand type extinguisher
- | foam type extinguisher
- | roof ladder
- | extension ladder
- | smoke mask
- | fire fighter extinguisher
- | drypowder

ENGINE NO. 2

- | 75 gallon pumper with 125 booster tank
- | 150 ft. booster hose
- | 2 roof ladders
- | extension ladder
- | 2 extinguisher (soda & acid)
- | 2 smoke masks
- | first aid kit
- | Co/2 extinguisher
- | drypowder extinguisher

ENGINE NO. 3

- | 750 gallon pumper with 600 gallon booster tank
- | 150 ft. booster hose
- | extension ladder — aluminum
- | roof ladder — aluminum
- | attic ladder — aluminum — folding
- | drypowder extinguisher
- | first aid kit
- | smoke mask

OTHER EQUIPMENT

- | 2 long ladders
- | 12 Indian pumps
- | portable pump (purchased 1954)
- | trailer

EMERSON RESUSCITATOR

- | 2000 ft. 2½" hose
- | 1100 ft. 1½" hose
- | 4 battery chargers

REPORT OF CALLS

- | 3 house fires
- | 11 chimney fires

FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE LOCATED

One at Donald Powers store

One at Town Hall

To operate: Open door, pull down hook once, then let go and STAY at box until firemen arrive.

6 blasts for fire

1 Blast first Monday of each month at 6:45 p. m.

2 blasts — no school, 8:00 a. m.

1 long blast, short of water

1 blast between noon and 1 o'clock for test on Saturday

TO BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE

George Gray, by night, 26-12

Donald Powers Store, 116-12, by day

Paul Traxler, 116-31, day or night

The firewards recommend buying 200 ft. 2½" hose

The firewards recommend joining the Fieman's Mutual Aid Association

The firewards recommend putting a water tank on Engine No. 1.

George H. Gray

Ivon W. Clough

Paul Traxler

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bennington, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 3rd day of March, 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 11th day of February, 1955.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
DORIS M. PARKER
School Board of Bennington, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
DORIS M. PARKER
School Board of Bennington, N. H.

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
BENNINGTON, N. H., SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953, and
ending June 30, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

NORMAN A. HARTFIEL, Supt.
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
DORIS M. PARKER
School Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Cash on hand July 1, 1953 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$3,296 96
Received from Selectmen, appropriation for current year	\$24,468 65
Received from tuitions	375 00
Received from all other sources	361 90
Total receipts	\$25,205 55
Total amount available for fiscal year:	
Balance and receipts	\$28,502 51
Less school orders paid	26,278 50
Balance on hand June 30, 1954	\$2,224 01

July 1, 1954

MARY K. WILSON,
District Treasurer.

Auditors' Report

This is to certify that the books of the Bennington School District have been audited according to uniform classification of the State and found to be correct.

VINCENA M. POWERS
WALTER D. CLEARY,
Auditors.

**BENNINGTON PROPOSED BUDGET 1955-56
AND FINANCIAL REPORT 1953-54**

Expenditures	Expend. '53 - '54	Budget '54 - '55	Proposed Budget '55 - '56
ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salary of Dist. Officers	\$270 00	\$275 00	\$275 00
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)	500 40	525 60	409 60
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	204 00	196 00	194 00
4. Salary of other Administrative Personnel	465 65	303 68	281 24
5. Supplies & Expenses	234 31	228 01	276 93
INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries E	8,676 68	9,480 00	9,780 00
7. Books and other instructional aids E	484 63	450 00	500 00
8. Scholars' Supplies E	116 95	350 00	500 00
10. Supplies and other expenses E	20 33	50 00	50 00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salaries of Custodians E	1,192 50	1,400 00	1,500 00
12. Fuel or Heat E	727 65	650 00	650 00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses E	259 50	375 00	300 00
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements E	580 05	200 00	200 00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision E	451 79	500 00	500 00
16. Transportation E	1,530 00	1,530 00	1,530 00
17. Tuition H	9,659 60	10,800 00	10,620 00
FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Retirement E	600 16	566 00	654 72
20. Ins. Treas. Bonds and Expenses E	263 02	300 00	350 00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES			
	\$26,237 22	\$28,179 29	\$28,571 49
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
23. New Equipment E	32 88	50 00	50 00
TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Balance June 30, 1954	\$26,270 10	\$28,229 29	\$28,621 49
	2,224 01		
		\$28,494 11	
Receipts			
Balance (actual or estimated)	Received '53 - '54	Budget '54 - '55	Proposed Budget '55 - '56
Elementary Tuition	\$3,296 96	\$1,866 29	
Other	375 00		
Total receipts other than prop. taxes	353 50		
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT			
	\$4,025 46	\$1,866 29	
	24,468 65	26,363 00	
Appropriation voted by district	\$28,494 11	\$28,229 29	\$28,621 49

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To The School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

I am happy to submit my first report as your superintendent of schools.

ORGANIZATION

School Board

Mr. Charles Lindsay, Chairman
Mr. Philip Knowles
Mrs. Doris Parker

Treasurer

Mrs. Mary K. Wilson

Nurse

Mrs. Martha Parker, R.N.

Superintendent

Norman R. Hartfiel

Teachers

Mrs. Ruth Cody, Principal, Grades 6, 7, 8
Mrs. Jessie Black, Grades 3, 4, 5
Miss Elisabeth Severance, Grades 1, 2
Mrs. Isabel Nichols, Music Supervisor

GENERAL REPORT

At the beginning of the school year Miss Elisabeth Severance started her teaching career in the first two grades of the Pierce school. She was graduated from Keene Teachers College with the class of 1954.

During the year a new spirit duplicating machine was purchased for the use of the teachers. This enables them to prepare work materials for their pupils with a small amount of time involved and improve the quality of their teaching.

Bennington is fortunate, in these days of serious teacher shortages, to have such a fine staff with Mrs. Cody as principal. Test results and high school progress is further proof of their excellent competence.

With the continued rise in the cost of education, our tuition bill will continue to be high for a few years until our former

large classes have graduated from high school and our present smaller classes enter. Bennington is unique in this situation. Most communities are deeply worried about the coming problems of increased enrollment.

It has been a real pleasure to work with the School Board, teachers, and Citizens of Bennington and I truly appreciate their fine cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN R. HARTFIEL,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF PIERCE SCHOOL

To the Superintendent, School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

In September 1954 the following number of pupils were enrolled in the different grades:

Grade 1	12
Grade 2	6
Grade 3	8
Grade 4	10
Grade 5	10
Grade 6	7
Grade 7	12
Grade 8	6
 Total	 71

The following pupils had perfect attendance during the first twenty weeks of school:

Grades 3, 4, 5: Nancy Cashion.

Grades 6, 7, 8: Roberta Knight, Edna Armstrong, Clara Newhall, Sandra Buxton, John Davy.

The attendance on the whole has been good but we continue to have some tardiness. We would like to remind the parents that the morning session begins at 8:45 and the afternoon session at 12:45. This means that the last bell is rung at these times and the children should be in their seats and ready to begin classes. We would appreciate the continued cooperation of the parents in getting their children to school on time.

Last year we changed to a new arithmetic series, "Growth in Arithmetic" published by the World Book Company. This text places emphasis upon understanding the basic concepts but it also increases computational skills by meaningful practice exercises. Our arithmetic level was found to be improved in our annual June testing program.

Our audio-visual equipment has been improved by the addition of a Viewlex film strip projector, a gift from the Bennington Women's Club. This makes it possible for us to use the film strip library from Curriculum Films which has been purchased by the school district. These educational films are excellent and are used every week. We continue to use the motion picture projector. We are obtaining some very instructive films from the N. H. University film library.

About 40 children are taking advantage of the School Milk Program. This gives each child an opportunity to purchase milk at recess for 4 cents a half pint.

We were glad to see the interest of the parents manifested by their attendance at our Education Night in November. We wish it were possible for more parents to visit the actual sessions of school so that they might see for themselves what is being done.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Superintendent, School Board, parents and townspeople for their splendid cooperation with the school.

Respectfully,
Ruth Cody, Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

From Feburary, 1954 to February, 1955

To Mr. Hartfiel, Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers, and Parents:

Number of pupils weighed each period	68
Number of pupils with mumps	4
Number of pupils with Whooping Cough	8
Number of pupils eyes examined	68
Number of pupils ears tested	52
Number of broken bones	2
Number of pupils vaccinated during school year	3
Number of pupils ears rechecked by Miss Eveleth	
Number of pupils Orthopedic defect	1
Number of pupils operated on for appendix	1

Minor ailments have been taken care of in school and at home.

I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers, Pupils, and Parents for their cooperation in the health program.

Annette L. Eveleth, Director School Health Services has visited our school this year and thinks we have a very nice school.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Parker, R. N.

BIRTHS

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child ♂ ♀	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother		Residence of Parents and Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father and Mother
		M	F		
January 1, 1954 Peterborough	Dennis Brian Magoon	M 4	Roger E. Magoon Marie E. Cashion	Bennington Mason	Peterborough Bennington
April 5, 1954 Peterborough	Donna Lee Grant	F 3	Donald L. Grant Frances E. Belden	Bennington Apprentice	Boston, Mass.
May 2, 1954 Peterborough	Denise Ann St. Lawrence	F 4	Robert A. St. Lawrence Barbara M. Westcott	Bennington Boater man	Winthrop, Me.
June 18, 1954 Peterborough	Ronald Judson McClure	M 4	Wesley D. McClure Pauline P. Paige	Bennington Painter	Hillsboro S. Danbury
July 13, 1954 Peterborough	Larry Allan Dorr	M 2	Harry L. Dorr Caroline H. Strickland	Bennington Paper mill	Antim Francetown
Sept. 23, 1954 Concord	David Earl Dorry	M 3	Roy E. Dorry Marion E. Dunbar	Bennington Paper mill	Greenfield Grasmere
Oct. 1, 1954 Peterborough	Lynn Audrey Bennett	F 1	Norman Austin Bennett Barbara A. French	Bennington Carpenter	Goffstown Canaan
Dec. 19, 1954 Peterborough	Lloyd Francis Newhall	M 5	Lawrence E. Newhall Mae E. Chamberlain	Bennington Laborer	Hillsboro Nashua
Dec. 28, 1954 Peterborough	Karen Ann Chandler	F 2	Hammond L. Chandler Margery J. Traxler	Bennington U. S. Air Force	Bennington Peterborough Fitchburg, Mass. Concord

Note: All living and all white.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Donald A. Powers, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage and Age	Birthplace of Each	Person by Whom Married
June 26, 1954 Antrim	Harry James Clough Nancy Louise Cutler	Bennington Antrim	18 18 N. H.	Rev. Robert M. Cross
June 28, 1954 Bennington	Willard Angus Reese	Lottsville, Pa.	28 N. H.	Archie M. Sweett
Sept. 18, 1954 Bennington	Mary Margaret Courtney	Firchburg, Mass.	24	Justice of Peace
	Sherman H. Fletcher	Bennington	32	
	Rose Ella Loomis	Bennington	17	Richford, Vt.
Nov. 6, 1954 Bennington	Emory Earl Wells	Gilbertville, Mass.	30	Hancock
Nov. 25, 1954 Bennington	Barbara Jean Whynott	Bennington	19	W. Brookfield, Mass.
	Ray Elliott Hounsell	Athol, Mass.	25	Keene
	Marion Lowe	Bennington	25	Uxbridge, Mass.
Dec. 24, 1954 Bennington	Melvin Charles Loomis, Jr.	Bennington	20	Greenfield
	Janice Ellen Hugron	Bennington	16	Baldwinville, Mass.
		Bennington		Antrim

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased and Age	Place of Birth, Sex Single, Married or Wid.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 23	Pembroke	Walter Burrows 72	Goffstown	Henry Burrows	Hazel Clow
May 19	Concord	John Eaton 80	Bennington	Amos Eaton	Aphie Martin
Sept. 17	Peterborough	Charles E. Cole 68	Plainfield	George Cole	Hattie Royce
Oct. 26	Bennington	Joseph J. Brozozowski 36	Hillsboro	Stephen Brozozowski	Helen Konan
Nov. 22	Peterborough	Lona A. Hughes 46	Enfield	Matthew Holloran	Adeline Goodell

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

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NAME	AGE		BURIAL DATE		BROUGHT FROM	INTERNMENT
	Yr.	Mo.	Dy.			
Harry William Mulhall	73	10		January 7, 1954	Hancock	Evergreen Cemetery
Walter Burrows	72			January 27, 1954	Bennington	Evergreen Cemetery
John Eaton	81			May 22, 1954	Bennington	Evergreen Cemetery
Frank Wesley Hart	89			July 19, 1954	Peterborough	Evergreen Cemetery
Elizabeth Mulhall	83			October 5, 1954	Concord	Evergreen Cemetery
Mary Haefeli Bader	85	11	29	October 30, 1954	Northampton, Mass.	Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Eugene Irving Adams	58	4	15	Dec. 26, 1954	Milford	Evergreen Cemetery

Respectfully submitted,
Dalmer Newhall

